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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Discussion with [ ] on 26 July 1967

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1. When discussing H cameras, [ ] said that he and [ ] were trying to obtain the Air Force H camera in the Far East for the special Cuban mission.

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2. Regarding H cameras in general, I expressed great interest in getting more H cameras into the inventory as soon as possible. [ ] said it might be a good idea if something could be done about modifying the non-stabilized H camera in the inventory into a fully operational system. This may very well be the quickest way to get another camera into the inventory. Also inasmuch as [ ] is goosey about authorizing new camera procurements he may be more amenable to modify the camera, as indicated above. I have asked D/R&D to have [ ] discuss with Hycon the time and cost for modifying the aforementioned unstabilized H camera to a fully operational configuration.

3. I advised [ ] that it was my great desire to get approval for the procurement of three additional H cameras and we should put our heads together to support this request to [ ]. [ ] said he might help in one important respect and that is he believes that he has three lenses at ITEK that might possibly be made available for three new H cameras. We will discuss this further.

4. I discussed the item in the preceding paragraph with D/R&D and [ ] and suggested that it might be a good idea to ascertain from ITEK, as a separate matter, information about their 66 inch cameras which I understand they have made for the Air Force. It might be a good idea if we get acquainted with the capability of the ITEK camera. Also it would be a good idea if we ascertain how many ITEK 66 inch cameras are in the Air Force inventory. I am not acquainted

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with the ITEK 66 inch configuration, and at this time do not know if it possibly could fit into a U-2. D/R&D will pursue these areas discreetly to enable us to have the fullest possible knowledge of these matters.

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